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Honorable Ted Stevens
United States Senate
522 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Stevens:

Thank you for your letter expressing concern about how our new rate regulations may affect small cable systems.

As you know, our rate regulations are currently under reconsideration. Accordingly, your comments are being made part of the record of that proceeding (MM Docket No. 92-266). I assure you that your comments will be carefully weighed.

In addition, I wish to reiterate my own concerns about the regulatory impact of the 1992 Cable Act on small cable systems, especially those not affiliated with any MSO. I have directed the staff to explore a number of alternatives designed to alleviate the burdens that would otherwise be imposed on small systems to insure they remain a viable part of the telecommunications infrastructure. I assure you that the Commission is making every effort to minimize any negative repercussions for small operators resulting from re-regulation, within the bounds of the discretion provided to us by the Act itself.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James H. Quello".

James H. Quello
Chairman

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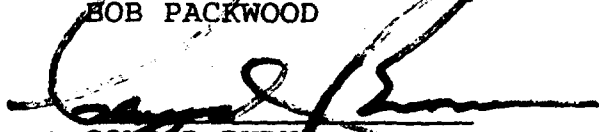
Dear Chairman Quello:

The Cable TV Act (Public Law 102-385, Sec.3(i)) grants the Commission authority to design regulations to reduce administrative burdens and cost of compliance for small systems of 1000 subscribers or less. We would like to know then why small operators are complaining that there is no such relief? We understand that similar concerns were voiced to you at the National Cable Television Association's national convention in June.

As you know, proponents of the Cable TV Act hailed it as a victory for consumers. However, rural customers will think otherwise if their cable systems are forced out of business because they could not comply with the regulations. We would appreciate your prompt attention to this matter, and look forward to reviewing your efforts to carry out this provision in good faith.

On a final note, we are concerned that you may be hearing from a limited number of Members of Congress on the implementation of the Cable TV Act and therefore you may have concluded that the rest of Congress is uninterested in your actions. Be assured that we are very interested in the Commission's activities on this issue and are available to provide you with whatever assistance or feedback you need.

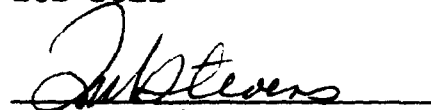

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